

Easter Crowds Fill Churches, Parade Lacking

Bishop Manning Preaches; Archbishop Hayes Holds Pontifical Mass; Prayers Asked for McCormack Sir Conan Doyle Discussed

Usual Fashion Display Absent From Fifth Avenue; 150,000 at Coney Island

The newly risen Easter sun found 500 persons gathered at the Mall in Central Park yesterday to worship their God where His own year-long passion play of nature had reached the resurrection scene and softly tinted buds on every tree signified in the breeze of the ancient miracle.

As impressive in its simplicity was the dawn service in Central Park and so cordially was it received by the public that it is probable that the 7 a. m. service in the Mall, conducted yesterday by the Right Rev. Herbert Shipman, Suffragan Bishop of New York, will become an annual event.

Cathedrals Thronged
Later the two great cathedrals, the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine and the Roman Catholic St. Patrick's, were thronged with worshippers, 600 being unable to find seats at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Bishop William T. Manning conducted the Easter service there and dwelt upon the faith in the Resurrection, which had survived centuries of skepticism and the hope that it inspired in spite of the evils of the present. The great need of the world, said Bishop Manning, was "a sure and simple faith in God."

Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes celebrated pontifical mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Rev. John Carter Smyth, of the Paulist Fathers, who delivered the sermon, spoke along the same lines as those selected by Bishop Manning. Those at the cathedral were requested to offer prayers for the recovery of John McCormack, the singer. Fifth Avenue was found to have abandoned the fashion parade it once staged on Easter, but hotel men at Atlantic City estimated that the bright-hued mass which rolled along the Boardwalk numbered about 250,000 persons. About 150,000, it was estimated, visited Coney Island.

Bishop Manning Preaches
At the Cathedral of St. John the Divine 2,500 persons were seated and 600 more were standing when the morning service began. The Right Rev. William T. Manning, Bishop of New York, preached from the text: "I am He that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive forevermore."

"We are here to rejoice and give thanks for the greatest day in the history of our race," he said. "The Resurrection has been called the best attested fact in history, and whether men believe the Easter message or not, they cannot dispute the facts that have followed from it. It is the glory of the Easter faith that is needed to-day to give back life and hope to the world. The one great need of the world at this time is a sure and simple faith in God. It is true that the world is suffering from the war, but the cause lies deeper than this. It is suffering from the evil which brought on the war, the eclipse of faith in God through the teachings of a materialistic philosophy."

Bishop Manning asserted that to-day there are no great poets, artists or writers among us because of a "poor and shallow rationalism" that blinds us. This same rationalism is responsible for the lowering of ideals and standards in our moral and social life. "It is responsible," he continued, "for a condition of things in which a former United States Senator exhibits his shameless disregard of the sacred ties of marriage and of the principles of good faith and decency by procuring a divorce from his wife in a foreign land while his action is publicly countenanced and condoned by our Ambassador to Italy."

Before the sermon Bishop Manning read a telegram containing Easter greetings from Ecumenical Patriarch Venetios, of Constantinople, head of the Eastern Church.

Archbishop Hayes Celebrates Mass
Pontifical mass, with its solemn pomp and wealth of symbolic ritual, was celebrated at St. Patrick's cathedral by Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes. At its conclusion the Archbishop bestowed upon the congregation the pontifical blessing, which gave plenary indulgence to those attending who had prepared themselves by going to confession and communion. An episode of the solemn service was the request of the congregation, made through Monsignor Healy by the Archbishop, that prayers be offered daily for John McCormack, the Irish tenor, who is seriously ill at his home, 270 Park Avenue. Long lines waited outside the steps before the doors were opened, and the capacity of the church was severely taxed.

Preaching in the Chelsea Methodist Episcopal Church, 178th Street and Broadway, the Rev. Christian F. Reiser described Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as a "presuming and overconfident dogmatist" when he begins to describe the future life with exactness.

"If every one is to be saved and if there is to be a heaven for all, then it is an easy relief to many burdened souls," he said. "It is puerile, egotistic and small to undertake to describe the future life. Jesus forever condemned spiritualism as practiced by mediums. Various people have claimed to see the dead, but they have not affected character any more than photographs can make love."

Evolution, he asserted, rather than religious dogma, is the only basis for a theory of how animated creatures came into existence. "God did not mold man from mud as child molds mud pies. He used evolution as his process," Dr. van Dyke said.

Dr. Stetson on Spiritualism
At Trinity Church, Broadway and Wall Street, Dr. Caleb R. Stetson also dwelt on the subject of spiritualism.

"Spiritualism is not to be laughed out of court," he said. "We might well listen to what its prophets have to say, for there may indeed be communication with the spirits of the departed and we are bound to face any problem and seek the truth. The difficulties with spiritualism are that it lies on a low spiritual plane and is concerned with petty and trivial communications. Those trying to communicate with spirits are seeking evidence of life, not religious knowledge, and religion is elemental and is open to claim of frauds. It is absurd to claim that it is the new religion of humanity and that the Christian Church has passed away."

The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, preaching in the Broadway Tabernacle, Broadway and Fifty-fifth Street, said that Christendom is defeated to-day

Along Fifth Avenue With the Easter Throng



Upper left—View of the throng in Easter procession. Center, left to right—Miss Constance Hatch Banks; Mrs. Jay Gould and her daughters, Helen and Ann, on their way to church services; Miss Lucile Baldwin. Below—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard B. Thomas

because people have not believed the word of Christ. We have built our homes on sands like fools," he said.

Speaking on St. Arthur Conan Doyle in the Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church last night, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman said:

"We must discriminate between the careful, unemotional investigation into the spirit world, conducted by trained scientists and the popular commercialized practice of spiritualism. When the public dabbles in psychic phenomena damage is done. We would be open-minded toward the findings of the distinguished Englishman now lecturing in our city. We only hope his testimony will not lead lesser minds to injurious spiritualistic practices."

Dr. Charles L. Shattuck preached an Easter sermon at Grace Episcopal Church, Broadway and Tenth Street. A children's carol service was held there in the afternoon.

Dr. Ernest M. Stiles preached both morning and evening in St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Easter music was rendered in the evening by Dr. Tertius Noble, organist and choir director. Special Easter music was also a feature of the services at the Brick Presbyterian Church and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, where the Rev. Dr. John Kellman preached.

250,000 in Parade on Atlantic City Boardwalk
Hotel balconies thronged with visitors to witness annual pageant and fashion review.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
ATLANTIC CITY, April 16.—More than 250,000 persons watched and took part in the most gorgeous Easter parade in Atlantic City's history on the Boardwalk to-day. The weather was fine and all hotel balconies as well as other vantage points were crowded. The promenade was never more brilliant.

Mayor and Mrs. John F. Helan passed the greater part of to-day in a rolling chair on the Boardwalk. Behind them were former Governor and Mrs. Alfred E. Smith in another chair, which, in turn, was followed by one in which rode Mr. and Mrs. John F. Simon.

The parade began at 10 a. m. and continued until darkness intervened. Two vast tides of fashionably attired men and women passed in opposite directions. The procession, ten miles long, moved slowly, nobody having occasion to hurry. Groups paused to chat in greeting and then took up the leisurely stroll.

Colors that were the hint of Palm Sunday became the certainty of to-day. They found expression in bows on lady's hats, in gorgeous combinations of draperies and frocks beneath capes and coats left open to reveal under effects; in fancy footwear that ranged from leather trimmings to heels of every shade in hue. Handbags were not lost count of, their carefully chosen shades adding to the ensemble. They swung on long ribbons, nestled close to dainty wrists or took a medium dangle, in every case artfully calculated.

The charming effects of brown were shown at their best to-day. Shades were seen of this color that none but an up-to-the-minute observer could correctly name. Browns in woollens, in cashmeres, in twill cord—browns in capes that hung from shoulder blade lengths to far down the skirt, were plentiful. Smart results were obtained with hats that carried the same shade. Many an outfit was of the same color scheme from head to toe tip.

men and women were hurrying toward the mall. It was more of a pilgrimage than a fashion parade. None of the color or sartorial display that mark the regular parade to church on Easter morning was evident in this gathering of earnest middle-aged and elderly persons.

At 7 o'clock the service began with the Rt. Rev. Herbert Shipman, Suffragan Bishop of New York, presiding. He outlined in brief the sentimental histories of the Eastern dawn service and expressed the hope of the New York Federation of Churches and individual clergymen that the custom be sustained and linked with the finer traditions of the city.

The Easter message was delivered by the Rev. John McNeill, Scotch evangelist, of the Fort Washington Presbyterian Church. His powerful voice went to the outskirts of the vast congregation gathered around the band-



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stand. He spoke on the "doubting Thomases" of religion and pleaded for greater faith.

Miss Louise Homer Sings
Miss Louise Homer, without accompaniment, sang "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."

This sweet, lingering notes of the trumpeters, traveled far across the stretches of Central Park, with their message of Easter cheer. The quartet, composed of the Misses Katherine Williams, Louise Curry, Cora Roberts and Mabel Coppman, played "The Glory of God in Nature" by Beethoven and Handel's "Largo."

The vast congregation sang Easter hymns, led by Howard Wade Kueser, song leader of the New York Federation of Churches.

The ceremony, so successfully carried out here yesterday, is based on an annual pilgrimage to Mount Roadhouse, near Riverside, Calif., where Easter dawn services have been held since 1908. The Rev. Graham C. Hunter, of the Church of the Covenant, whose father, the late Rev. William A. Hunter, lived in Riverside and frequently attended these services, suggested to the New York Federation of Churches that the idea be taken up. It was readily accepted and will probably become an annual affair, as a result of yesterday's wholehearted response to the invitations sent out.

Three Hernandez Brothers Slain by Mexican Troops

MEXICO CITY, April 16.—The war office in a statement to-day announced the killing near Saltillo of three Hernandez brothers, Ismael, Narciso and Andres, bandits who had attacked federal forces. The department says active pursuit of small rebel bands is continuing in accordance with the recent Presidential orders to eradicate them.

It was announced also by the War Department that Manuel Gardino and Jose Delgado, who headed the small uprising in Conchula, were shot and killed yesterday when they attempted to escape from their guard at Monclova.

Joint Protestant Service

It was a service that took no stock of creed or doctrine. All Protestant denominations were assembled as one under the auspices of the City Federation of Churches. Dr. Henry van Dyke defined its spirit in "God of the Open Air," a poem of his own which he read:

"And then on Easter morn, His victors took the place of cloistered pews. In a green garden full of flowers in bloom The risen Saviour met the rising sun."

Soon after 6 o'clock long lines of

Fine Old Easter Parade Lost in Flapper Swarm

Avenue's Ancient Sartorial Epic of Spring Not What Home Town Papers Led Hopeful Writer to Expect

No Ideal Beau Brummel Best Thing He Finds in Spats and "Topper" Has Coat Pocket Full of Cigars

By Fred B. Edwards

This piece properly belongs over in the obituary column. The Easter fashion parade on Fifth Avenue curled up and died on our hands yesterday. Ever since we have been able to read a home town newspaper the Easter fashion parade on Fifth Avenue has been an annual episode in our youthful enthusiasms.

The dispatches carried by the home town paper describing the busy scene when society came out in its pristine glory to shake hands with spring always had a peculiar fascination for us. When the weather was fine and the story told of the sartorial perfection of the great men and the ravishing beauty of the gowns worn by the great ladies we were cheered and encouraged. When, as sometimes happens, Easter Day was wet and the gowns were not forthcoming and the shiny topcoats were hidden by dripping umbrellas we felt correspondingly sorrowful. The Easter fashion parade on Fifth Avenue was more than an event, as we saw it; it was a tradition. It represented New York, just as actors on Broadway, toughs on the Bowery, Brooklyn Bridge and the Flatiron Building represented New York.

Great Expectations

Yesterday, when they told us we were to write a piece about the Fifth Avenue fashion parade, we were all steamed up. It looked like the chance of a lifetime. We were sorry we didn't know more about gowns, and we wondered if the police would allow us to encroach on the avenue in our navy blue suits, and whether we hadn't better rush back and change our worn collar for a stiff one. At last we were going to see the Easter Sunday fashion parade right on the spot. We wondered if there'd be any movie cameras about. Maybe we could elude them into a picture. That'd make the old rag sit up and take notice.

We started at Forty-second Street. We knew just what we were looking for. When we came to the place where all the women were wearing gorgeous gowns, and every man was clad in a cutaway coat of black or dark gray material, dark striped trousers, a winged collar with a black and white four-in-hand, pierced by a pearl pin, gray spats, black shoes and a silk hat, with a white camellia in his buttonhole, and carrying a pair of gray suede gloves and a cane, that would be the parade.

Something Is Wrong!

And between Forty-second Street and Seventy-second Street we couldn't find a single human being so arrayed. There were plenty of gorgeous gowns, but most of them were on dappers, who were loose for the day and out of obsequy of not going to what they used to call the Four Hundred. Strictly speaking they weren't gowns anyway. You can't call gowns these pink and blue and mauve and red sport suits that the girls wear. We saw one woman in black silk, trimmed with monkey fur, but the man she was with had on a check suit and a striped silk shirt with collar to match. We passed them up.

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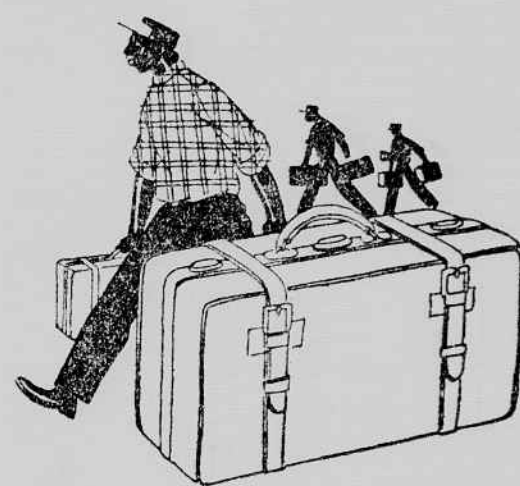
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Old New York is New York, and in a year or two the admission that one remembers when there was such a thing as a fashion parade on Fifth Avenue on Easter Sunday will automatically make one a candidate for an old age pension.

That almost-last-survivor might at least have carried his cigars in his vest.

Commerce Meeting for Italy

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The American section of the International Chamber of Commerce announced to-day that the next general meeting of the body will be held in Rome, Italy, the week of March 19, 1923.



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